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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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Please visit our website
www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

Football, band, volleyball, soccer. You know it's fall by the sports and community schedules, although we are seeing modifications and cancelations of some events. It's still a busy, busy time so take care of yourselves and avoid the colds and flu that tend to plague us this time of year, not to mention COVID.

Our office hosted this year's first "New Teacher Coalition" meeting last month. The goal is help new teachers, long-term substitutes and veterans teachers from other schools assimilate into our communities, network with other professionals, and glean strategies to help them become masters of their craft. We are so appreciative of the United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties and the local businesses who are supporting this effort. Everyone is sharpening their skills! Be on the look out for more training announcements coming up this fall and winter.

Amazing things happen when all of the partners pull together! We all need to support each other more now than ever. Speaking of support, the Graham County Fair is this month, but the county had no choice but to modify it as well. We can all go out and support the kids at their livestock auction at 4:00 on Saturday 9/10 at the Ag Building. You don't need to buy an entire animal, rather you can contribute "add-ons" to the bids they receive and every little bit helps. Head on over to the exhibit halls and check out the individual student entries. We have talented, hardworking kids!

Contact us!

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Hours: Monday—Thursday
7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Closed Fridays

Dates to Remember

Oct. 9-10—Modified Graham County Fair featuring the livestock auction and exhibits

Oct. 12— Columbus Day—the Graham County General Services Bldg. will be closed

Oct. 16—Deadline for the Early Bird Enrollment District for Scripps Spelling Bee

Oct. 27—Graham / Greenlee New Teachers Coalition @ 4:00 General Services Bldg.

Oct. 31— I don't need to tell YOU that it's Halloween!

Nov. 3— Election Day—please vote!

Nov. 11— Veterans Day

Nov. 17— Graham / Greenlee New Teachers Coalition

Professional Development Opportunities

While some professional development opportunities are on hold, several agencies are offering new opportunities, and I will advertise them here as well as through direct contact with each district. The University of Arizona is offering the following:

University of Arizona—Free Online PD

Newest newsletter! You will find three items of interest to elementary teachers and six of interest to teachers of upper grades.

<https://mailchi.mp/brownfoundations.org/master-those-econ-standards-2w5hjdj2>

Please note—pre-service teachers are always welcome at these programs!

Arizona State University

<https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/08/governor-ducey-ade-helios-education-foundation-and-asu-launch-virtual-teacher>

Free training programs for schools and teachers began on August 11th with a three-day program, “Thriving as a Digital Teacher.” The training is available throughout the school year. Topics are relevant to all digital learning tools and include best practices in online instruction, Web 2.0 tools, setting up a virtual instruction plan, pace charts, monitoring student progress, teaching time and stress management and more. Synchronous and asynchronous sessions will be available through the school year. There are also opportunities to customize training for districts and schools. To learn more:

<https://www.asuprepdigital.org/training/>

Graham/Greenlee New Teacher Coalition

I am pleased to announce we have kicked off the fourth year of our “Supporting and Sustaining Teachers” project. With generous funding from the United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties, and the American Association of University Women (AAUW), we are able to invite educators to participate in the *New Teacher Coalition*. We also have great support from our business community as well. The sessions will be offered several times throughout the year. We will provide materials to assist with classroom management, and offer sessions on integrating technology and best practices. Participants will also receive information on how to write grants and follow the processes for success. We will share information on loan forgiveness, and other support available and unique to our profession. Ultimately, dozens of new teachers in our two counties will find a whole network of support from within their own districts as well as from other teachers and the county offices. We want to attract and retain the best educators for our students, and our work with the coalition goes a long way toward reaching this goal. If you are new to the profession, a long-term sub, new to your school and/or Graham and Greenlee, you are invited to attend!! We will send invitations each month, and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 27th. We hope you will be able to join us!

Spelling Bee Information!

It's time to start planning for the 2021 Graham County Spelling Bee. Information has been sent to each school, but we are including some important dates here since the registration window for early bird discounts will be closing on 10/16.

Enrollment

- To be eligible to participate in your county or regional bee and ultimately in the Arizona Spelling Bee, schools **must** enroll with Scripps.
- Only students from schools (public, charter, private, or home schools) that are enrolled with Scripps National Spelling Bee (<https://spellingbee.com/enrollment>) will be eligible to participate in your County/Regional Bee and in the Arizona Spelling Bee.

Early enrollment: Discount through October 16, 2020

Regular enrollment period: Deadline is December 18, 2020

Important note: You are registering with Scripps. The Arizona Educational Foundation does not take payment for registration fees. Scripps accepts checks or credit cards only, they do not accept purchase orders.

Follow enrollment instructions; an **invoice and W-9 will be generated from the www.spellingbee.com website along with instructions** as to where payment must be mailed. If you pay using a check you may print a custom invoice for your school. **Please note that a \$7.50 check handling fee will apply.**

Materials made available to individual schools who are enrolled with Scripps are:

- Official study lists for students, organized by grade level
- Study materials for each school spelling champion
- Official pronouncer guides for classroom and school spelling bees
- Scripps Book List
- A free one-year subscription to Britannica Online for Kids to award to one student.

The Graham County Spelling Bee will be held

Wednesday February 17, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Graham County General Services Building Assembly Room

The winner from the Graham County Spelling Bee will represent us at the Arizona State Spelling Bee which will be held

Saturday March 20, 2021

Arizona Census: What you need to know



Every Arizonan counts

The census counts every person living in Arizona.



Your civic duty

The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years.



\$675 billion each year

Distribution of \$675 billion in federal funds is based on each state's population.



\$3,000 per person

It's estimated up to \$3,000 per person, per year is at stake for Arizona.



\$20.5 billion

More than \$20.5 billion annually in federal funding supports critical programs in Arizona.



Arizona's future

Census data gives leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses and planning for our state's future.



Arizona representation

The census is used to redraw legislative districts and determine Arizona's representation in Washington D.C.

Your privacy is protected

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law.



How responses are used

Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, CIA, DHS, ICE. And not by local law enforcement, or state agencies like DES or DCS.



What will be asked?

You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, gender, and the number of people who live in your home, including children.



What won't be asked?

The census will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.



3 ways to respond

Now you can respond to the census online, by phone or by mail.



Count everyone. Everyone.

Newborns. Foster children. Grandparents. Non-relatives. Count every person living or staying in your home.



Where census money goes

Schools, health services, roads, after-school programs, community services and much, much more.

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    @azcensus2020

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Managing screen time for young kids during social distancing

As families continue to practice social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic and many parents remain at home with their young children, it's important to monitor the amount of time young children spend in front of a screen. "Families should recognize that this is a unique time in everybody's lives," said First Things First's Senior Director of Family Support, Katherine Willard. "While access to technology has been a resource during COVID-19, it's important to remember that the best way children learn is through interactions with a trusted caregiver."

First Things First (FTF), Arizona's early childhood agency, knows that now, many families do not have the option to shield their child from a screen at all times. Instead, parents can follow some simple guidelines to manage screen time for their young kids. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends no exposure to screens for children 18 months old and younger. The exception is using live video chat so that children can connect with family and friends who are far away or who can't visit in-person because of social distancing. As the child gets older, families can use technology and interactive media to strengthen relationships.

The recommendations say that between 18 months and 2 years old, you should limit the watching to educational programming with a caregiver. For example, if you're watching Sesame Street and Elmo is doing the happy dance, encourage your child to dance along. Find ways to interact with your child, based on what he is watching. For children between ages 2-5, high-quality educational content is recommended for a limit of about an hour a day, the AAP says. Make sure that whatever your child is watching, that it is age appropriate. Even Disney movies, like *The Lion King* are not appropriate for young children. One of Willard's recommendations is the Arizona PBS app, which gives age ranges for their shows for young kids.

Ultimately, parents of toddlers and preschoolers should give themselves a break while trying to balance working from home and caring for young children, Willard said. "Instead of focusing on what you can't do, focus on what you can do with your child after your work day is over," she said. Willard said she knows that sometimes the only option is to offer an educational video, if parents have a video meeting or phone call that they must attend to, but make a plan for positive interactions later in the day. "Have them help you set the table or cook a meal," she said. Turn off the television or computer, which is sometimes used as background noise, during dinner time. "Talk about your day. You have another opportunity for that back and forth conversation during mealtime," Willard said.

As noted earlier, the one exception to screen time limits is live video chat, like FaceTime, Zoom and Skype, among others, which allow the kind of responsive interactions that are good for helping babies and toddlers develop language. When the baby communicates through nods, gestures or expressions, they are able to see that the person on the other end respond to them. "On FaceTime, kids can have time with grandparents, who can play peek-a-boo, or sing songs, or even read a book to them," Willard said. "It's the personal connection that is really helping brain development. And it's so important to maintain that social connection during this time."

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About First Things First –First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early learning, family support and children's preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.

Safford City-Graham County Library Presents

MAIN STREET STORYWALK

*Walk both sides of Main Street
and enjoy the story posted in
business windows.*

*Then stop by the library
to pick up a fall craft.*

DOWNTOWN SAFFORD

OCT. 5 - NOV. 2



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Please let your fellow teachers know about the wonderful opportunities gained by joining E.A.S.I.! *It's easy!*

Monthly Meetings – DPC Ranch House 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. *(generally the second Wednesday of each month)*

Wed. TBA, 2020

*Discovery Park Campus

Sat. Oct. 17	GVRA Rocket Launch—DPC
Thurs.-Fri. Oct. 22-23	Tinsley Telescope Class—EAC Discovery Park Campus
Sat. Oct. 24	Lion's Club—Mental Health Awareness 5K & 10K
Thurs.—Sat. Dec. 10-12	NSTA Regional Conference—virtual

928-428-6260





Safford Lions 5K & 10K Run

Benefits Area Mental Health Needs

EAC's Discovery Park Campus

Sat. Oct. 24th 8:00 a.m.

Walk, Jog, Run, Race Computer Timed, Groomed Path Circuit

Medals M & F ≤ 14 , 15-20, 21-35, 36-54, 55+ & 6 Best Costumes

T-Shirt With Ticket \$20/Person 11+, \$15/Person Family ≥ 3 , \$25 Event Day

Eventbrite Login or Mike Garcia 928-432-1430, rafyduck@yahoo.com



United Way of Graham
& Greenlee Counties





ECONOMICS COMEDY IN THE CRISIS WITH YORAM BAUMAN

Online Econ Comedy
for 6th grade through college educators
Friday, October 16, 2020
5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

The world's first and only stand-up economist

Yoram has a PhD in economics but makes a living doing stand-up comedy about economics and politics for schools and corporate events. Join him on Zoom to get some comic relief and to hear how COVID-19 has changed his business model. Yoram is the co-author of the books *The Cartoon Introduction to Climate Change*, the two-volume *Cartoon Introduction to Economics*, and—most recently—*The Cartoon Introduction to Calculus*. This virtual event is co-hosted by the Thomas R. Brown Foundation and the Arizona Council on Economics Education.

1 professional development hour

[**REGISTER**](#)

UP YOUR ECON GAME WITH CARTOONS

Online Workshop
For Middle and High School Teachers
Saturday, October 17, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Dismal science no more! Join us to learn about five strategies you can use to creatively teach and reinforce economics concepts using the cartoons found in *The Cartoon Introduction to Economics* (Volume 1: Microeconomics; Volume 2: Macroeconomics) co-authored and illustrated by Yoram Bauman, Ph.D and Grady Klein. Materials will be most appropriate for middle and high school educators. All attendees will receive a digital edition of Volume 1 or Volume 2 according to their preference.

[**REGISTER**](#)

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

All participants receive digital resources and
a certificate of professional development hours.

Pre-service teachers are welcome at all programs!



Dear Staff Members,

Trying to understand all the possible ways to better manage your student loans is a daunting task. With their financial planning approach, the student loan Advisors at Fiducius help you navigate and determine your best option, including forgiveness, refinancing and consolidation. They may help you lower, or even eliminate, your student loan payment. Through your student loan savings, you can invest in yourself further with the help of American Fidelity.

Your education colleagues nationwide already working with Fiducius have reduced their monthly payments by an average of **84%** and are projected to receive an average of **\$72,338** in tax-free loan forgiveness.

It's easy to get started with this new benefit. You can determine your eligibility and potential savings in just a few minutes and then talk with an advisor on the phone at your convenience, by using the following link:

Visit [Graham County + Fiducius](#) to register

“Fiducius makes handling my student loans truly stress-free. Going through the process with them was easy and they did all the work for me. These days I’m able to focus more on my busy teaching and coaching schedule while celebrating my \$0 payment every month! Fiducius has been great and I continue to spread their life-changing message.” Jordan B., Teacher

Fiducius will fully educate you about all available options and provide a personalized Student Loan Financial Wellness Plan at no cost before you decide whether or not to use their services. As with other voluntary benefits, like life insurance, you only pay Fiducius when you choose to use their services.

We encourage you to take a step to improve your financial wellness and learn if Fiducius can help you better manage your student loans.

Questions, or trouble logging in? Call **1.513.645.5400**, [email](#) or visit their [website](#) for more information and success stories.

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Featured lesson:**A Greater Killer than the War: The Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919****Description:**

In this lesson, students will be introduced to the Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919. They will learn key facts about it and will use maps and primary source news articles to understand its spread and impact across the world.

Author: Elizabeth R. Hinde **Grade Range:** High School

Duration: 1-2 class periods

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/influenza>

Featured Lesson:**A Geographic Profile: The Health of Nations**

Description: In this lesson, students will use math to analyze demographics of a nation with the eventual goal of creating a span of nations reflecting their world health status.

Author: Michael Glenn **Grade Range:** 6-7

Duration: 1 Class Period

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/node/177>

Featured lesson:**Import Partners: A Lesson about International Trade on Items Found at Home**

Description: In this lesson, students will explore the concept of international trade partners. They will gather data and conduct an inquiry as to who are the trade partners that most impact them. Then they will create a map and a bar graph to show the results of the information collected.

Author: Rhonda Gonzalez

Grade: 7

Duration: 4-5 periods

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/node/771>

Featured lesson:**What is it Like? Mapping My Neighborhood**

Description: In this lesson, students will become aware of their neighborhood by using their different senses. They will also be able to identify relative location, identify human features and perhaps some physical features as they construct a map of their neighborhood. This lesson contains strategies for diverse learners (ELLs).

Author: Patricia Sepp

Grade: 3

Duration: 2 class

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/HowDoI>

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Featured Lesson:**Getting and Giving Help**

Description: In this lesson students will learn to recognize community helpers and practice following and giving directions while using the ability to connect numbers with cardinality. Students will also have an opportunity to practice writing about community helpers.

Author: Diane Godfrey

Grade Range: K

Duration: 2 class periods

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/Help>

Featured Lesson:**Supermarket Sweeps**

Description: In this lesson students will gain a better understanding from where food products originate throughout regions of the United States. Students will then use their math skills to shop for grocery products from the various regions.

Author: Sara Jenkins **Grade Range:** 5

Duration: 2 class periods

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/supermarket>

Featured Lesson:**DOGSTAILS: Introduction to the Giant Map**

This lesson can be modified using our many online PDF maps to give to students virtually! Have them use items in google suite to identify the parts of a map. Or annotate a PDF depending on what software your school provides.

Description: This activity will introduce students to the nine elements of a good map and provide an opportunity for students to locate these elements on the giant map.

Author: Gale Olp Ekiss

Grade Range: 1-12

Duration: 1 class period

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/mapdogstails>

A Country's Shape Is More than Its Borders: Population Pyramids

Description: In this lesson, students will learn how to read and interpret population pyramids and then write a paragraph explaining the implications of these demographics. This lesson included adaptations for diverse learners (ELLs).

Author: Dennis Rees

Grade Range: 6-High School

Duration: 1-2 class period

<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/poppyramids>

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p: 480-965-5361 f: 480-965-0831 email: heather.moll@asu.eduweb: <https://geoalliance.asu.edu>**From the Arizona Historical Society!**

⇒ Arizona Historical Society offers many kid friendly activities

⇒ Just a few examples are listed below so check out their website for the full PDF of that example and more information: <https://arizonahistoricalsociety.org/education/arizona-history-digital-hub/>

- **Laundry Day Summer Splash Activity:** Learn about how people in the past cleaned their clothes and have fun splashing around on a hot day. Recommended for: Ages 6-12
- **Hohokam Pottery Object:** This activity explores the artistry of Hohokam pottery. Kids can learn about the history of the Hohokam society of Arizona and will build their own version of a Hohokam pot. Recommended for: Ages K-2
- **Grow Your Own Crystals:** As long as there have been people in Arizona, they have been mining metals, minerals, and crystals. We know that ancient Arizonans like the Hohokam, Patayan, Ancestral Puebloan, and Mogollon peoples mined metals like copper and silver and precious gems like turquoise and traded those valuable goods with each other. Learn more about mining in Arizona and make your own rock crystals, AKA rock candy.
- **Playthings of the Past:** Before the railroad made mass shipment of goods to Arizona more cost effective, many children had to be inventive and make their own toys. Arizona kids played with natural materials like adobe mud, sticks, and bones. Sometimes, if their parents could spare the materials, they made dolls out of corn husks, yarn, or scraps of fabric. Discover how to make a rag doll with a few common household items.
- **Hi Ho Silhouette Tangram Problem Game:** Hi Ho is a collection used and played by an Arizona family in the 1930s. Families during this time enjoyed playing a variety of games to pass the time. During the 1930s, board games, cards, and toys were common pastimes. Children and families would gather together to play for entertainment. Gather a few friends for a spirited game of Hi Ho.
- **Origami Colorado River Toad:** Although Arizona is a pretty arid and dry state, we are home to 26 different species of frogs and toads, 23 of which are considered indigenous, or native to the state. Learn more about amphibians of Arizona and make your own Colorado River Toad.
- **Interview an Elder:** An oral history is a recorded interview in which a historian asks a person questions about their life and memories. These interviews are excellent ways to collect information that might otherwise be lost if not recorded. Check out these tips on interviewing older family members or friends.
- **Curate Your Own Exhibit:** This worksheet will help you become a museum curator using just materials you have at home and research you can do online. Make sure you look up the blue bold words in this worksheet if you do not already know their meaning. Curate your own exhibit at home today.

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Other Resources

Arizona Department of Education:

Tammy Waller and Linda Burrows at the ADE, send out wonderful monthly newsletters with great resources and opportunities. To subscribe to their newsletter please do so here:

<https://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/social-studies-newsletter-subscription-form/>

Mark Hicks – Illustrator

The Arizona Geographic Alliance would like to publicly thank illustrator, Mark A. Hicks who has designed the covers and provided artwork for our grade level geography booklets (publication in late September). Mark is inviting educators (and others) to visit his website or blog at MARKiX.net or CarefreeArtist.com. At the website you will learn more about Mark, and he has posted **free clip art** relating to educational topics.

USDA Education Site:

Each year, Forest Service employees across the nation develop and provide a wide diversity of education materials that help connect kids to nature through meaningful outdoor experiences. From the new Smokey Bear Story Book, to Woodsy Owl's ABCs, to new curricular materials -- these materials bring our conservation education message to children throughout the United States. The 'Materials' section of the Conservation Education Web site provides resources to help you -- whether you are looking for available materials, or whether you are looking for inspiration and resources for developing new materials.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/conservationeducation/materials>

Phoenix's Musical Instrument Museum has amazing exhibits, activities, and concerts. Now you can see some of the world musicians' performances on YouTube. For more info, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MIMphx>

Activities from **National Geographic** to entertain and educate your kids. <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/family/at-home-education-resources>

National Fire Protection Association Education (FireWise): <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education>

Sparky School House: <https://sparkyschoolhouse.org/#top>

USDA Forest Service - Fire Education:

https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/conservationeducation/educator-toolbox/?cid=fsmrs_100572

Kalman Mannis Project Director - Rural Activation and Innovation Network (RAIN), NSF DRL #1612555

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Safford City-Graham County Library

What can the library do for you?

Online
Tutoring
through
Tutor.com

Library Tours
and
Field Trips



Research
Databases

Downloadable
ebooks and
audiobooks

For more information
call 928-432-4165 or visit
saffordlibrary.org



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Free Gift to Our Children!

Since 2001, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has put free books in the hands of young children across the nation. We now have an Imagination Library in our community. If you're a resident of Graham or Greenlee county, you can receive free books mailed to your home each month.

Who is Eligible?

Preschool children (birth until their fifth birthday) of Graham or Greenlee County.

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a resident of Graham or Greenlee Counties.
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian (forms must be approved and on file with Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library) or [REGISTER ONLINE](#)
3. Notify Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address on the official registration form. If the child's address changes, you must contact your friends at the address below in order to continue receiving books.
4. Read with your child.

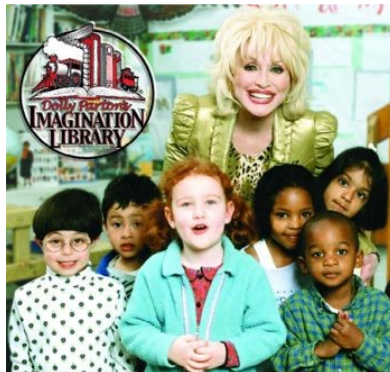
When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue as long as the grant funding is available to the Safford Library. We hope that this is until your child turns five or you move out of Graham or Greenlee County.

QUESTIONS?

Contact our Imagination Library Coordinator @ (928) 432-4155. It sounds almost too good to be true! But by reading regularly to your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education they will ever get.

The Imagination Library Project is brought to you by First Things First (www.azftf.gov) and the Safford Friends of the Library.





Multiply Your Smarts: Think Math Collection

Make middle school math fun and exciting with animations and games that feature visual models for fraction multiplication and division, nine Logical Leaps interactives about number lines, and three Maritime Mysteries interactives involving Cartesian graphs.

[View on Mobile or Web Page](#)

Distance Learning Tips From One Teacher to Another

Preparing for illnesses is always a difficult and serious affair, but it does give us an opportunity to think about how we can extend learning outside the walls of our classrooms and into the homes of our students.

[Read More](#)

Registration Open: Supporting New Routines with Digital Media Tools

In virtual Edcamp style, we're inviting educators to share their knowledge and learn from their peers. Sessions will cover a variety of participant-proposed topics, which may include discussions around screen time, media literacy, tools and activity for media creation, and using media to support lessons.

Designed for PreK-12 Educators.

[Register Now](#)

You're Invited to a Virtual Event: Prepping for a Very Different School Year

Parents and caregivers are wrestling with tough questions about the 2020-2021 school year: What will it look like if/when children are physically in school? And what will it mean for family life if/when children are at home for hybrid or remote learning?

In the face of these challenges, there's a lot we can do to bolster our children's feelings of confidence and security as they head into a new year. Join PBS KIDS, top child development and education experts, and other parents and caregivers of children 2 to 8 for a virtual conversation!

[Register Now](#)

Ignite Your Science Superpowers with Hero Elementary

Combine science, engineering and literacy to build powerful learning with Hero Elementary. Inspire your students to do real science to make a difference in their world as scientists and communicators.

[Explore the Collection](#)



PBS LearningMedia

Tips From a Teacher

Do you have a favorite PBS LearningMedia resource? Share it with us on Twitter @PBSTeachers, and find out what other teachers recommend, with ideas for early-childhood educators, elementary, middle, and high school teachers.

[DISCOVER MORE](#)

Bring Science and Engineering to Life

Help middle and high school students understand the real world application of science and engineering concepts with short videos on shape-shifting robots, 3-D mapping, and deep ocean exploration. https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/engineering_is/#.X3ITQZNKjyg

Start an Engineering Invention Club

This guide takes you through the process of running a 6-week version of a Design Squad Global Club for middle school age students, which includes a welcome session, 4 hands-on activity sessions, and a party to celebrate at the end!

<https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/dsg16-sci-6weekguide/6-week-dsg-club-guide/>

Check Out More!

[Try a Daring Design Challenge with The Cat in the Hat](#)

[Build Big with Engineering, Architecture and Science Themed Lessons](#)

[Nurture Early Engineering Skills: Let's Measure!](#)

[Register Now: Face the Facts: Election 2020 Youth Town Hall](#)

[Learn At Home Lesson Planning for Early Ed](#)

Next week's learn at home theme is all about science and engineering. Find new activities and track students completion with printable bingo sheets for PreK-2 students.

Find more resources to support new back to school routines [here](#).



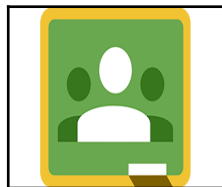
[Click Here for PreK - K Printable Worksheets](#)

[Click Here for Grades 1 - 2 Printable Worksheets](#)

All New: Teacher Planning Kits for New School Routines

The PBS Teacher Planning Kit for New School Routines is an eight-week planning kit designed for PreK-12 teachers everywhere to help navigate this year's new and changing school routines. These kits are intended to be used whether or not you're delivering instruction in person, and whether or not your students have internet access. This is the first kit in a series of five that will support the 2020-2021 school year and offers curated content designed for September 21 - November 9.

More Tools: Discover Ways You Can Use PBS LearningMedia to Support Distance Learning Today



Google Classroom Integration

Sync class rosters and assignments with our Google Classroom integration.



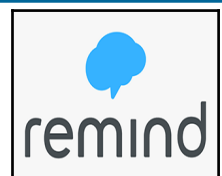
How To: Create Shareable Content Folders

Learn how you can easily create and share a folder of resources with students or colleagues.



Understanding Advanced Search and Browse Features

Find out how you can use PBS LearningMedia to find the perfect resources to enhance distance learning lessons.



Remind Integration

Does your school use Remind? Find out how you can use Remind to share lessons and resources!



Virus Information and Prevention Collection

We've collected resources to help teach the science of how germs and viruses spread!



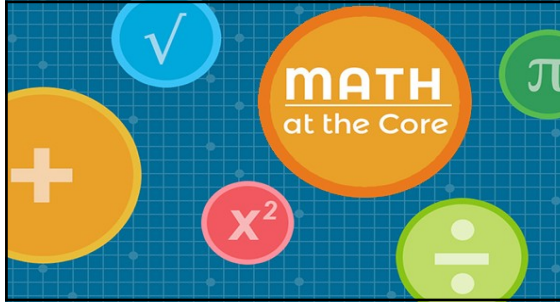
CREATE: Tell Your Story with PBS American Portrait



ACTIVITY: Strawberry DNA Extraction - At-Home Science Experiment



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Middle School Math at the Core

Find engaging media and integrated activities, all aligned with the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics. These resources are designed for middle school students of diverse learning styles and backgrounds

[View the Collection](#)

Math in the Workforce

In a world where we have calculators and search engines, why is math still a necessary skill to have in many career paths? From fashion design to astrobiology, math is the backbone of many different careers, and this collection will show you exactly why. Being able to do math can mean being able to win a fencing match or saving someone's life.

[Learn More](#)

Teaching Algebra with Cyberchase

Cyberchase is the Emmy award-winning animated math mystery show featuring a team of curious kids who use their math and problem-solving skills to outwit and outsmart the villain Hacker, in their quest to save Cyberspace. Help your students master algebra with these lesson plans, videos, and interactive activities.

[View Resources](#)

Travel the Globe Without Leaving the House:

Wild Kratts Natural History & Science Collection

Go on an adventure with the Kratt brothers! Find **lesson plans, videos and virtual resources** to help your students explore science concepts around animal behaviors, habitats, ecosystems and more.

Travel the Globe Without Leaving the House: Wild Kratts Natural History & Science Collection

[Explore the Collection](#)

Check out More!

[Interactive: Solving a Public Health Problem](#)

[Interactives: The Majesty of Music and Math](#)

[Interactive Science Lessons for Middle and High School](#)

[PD Course: Thinking and Making with Media in PreK-2 Classrooms](#)



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Strategies to Build Engaging Digital Lessons for High School Students

As you work to transition from your classroom to distance learning, use these tips and tricks on clarity, choice, and engagement to keep things simple for your students over the coming weeks and months. [Read More](#)

Home Sweet Home: Finding Life Beyond Earth

Spending a lot of time at home lately? Home – whether your house or your planet – is usually a place that meets all of the conditions for life: providing water, air, food, and shelter. Which leads us to wonder, what other worlds out there might be suitable for undiscovered forms of life? This resource explores questions at the heart of the search for extraterrestrial life, such as "What is life?" and "Where do we find habitable conditions?" [View Lesson Plan](#)



[WATCH: Seasonal Science - Pine Pollen](#)

Travel Through Time With American Experience

Introduce your students to incredible characters and epic stories that have shaped America's past and present. Discover this country's rich history in this collection of media-based resources from the series.

[Explore the Collection](#)

Online Resources to Help Students Prepare for the AP US History Exam

Discover engaging resources that will help your students supplement their DBQ and earn those "outside evidence" points. If there was ever a group of individuals who could contextualize our current moment and help students make sense of its meaning, it would be history teachers!

[View Resource](#)

How Do Organisms Grow? Watch and Learn With Crash Course: Biology

Crash Course offers **fast-paced, imaginative videos** designed to help teach your students the fundamentals of biology and science.

[Learn More](#)

Practice Language and Literacy with Arthur

Help young students discover a love of language and reading for International Literacy Week! These Arthur resources feature entertaining and educational activities for use at and away from the computer.

<https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/arthur/>

Bat Week Webinar

Bats are amazing animals that are vital to the health of our environment and economy. Although we may not always see them, bats are hard at work all around the world each night – they are pollinators, dispersers of seeds and controllers of insect pests. In this webinar, bat experts will explore the importance of bats to the health of ecosystems and share the latest information on the links between wild animals and disease. You'll also be updated on the new, virtual ways to participate in Bat Week 2020 (October 24- 31), the international celebration to raise awareness about the need for bat conservation.

You'll learn:

- How the more than 3,000 species of bats worldwide play integral roles in global ecosystems
- The latest on bats in the news and how habitat degradation, climate change and human actions play a role in the spread of zoonotic disease
- Educational lessons and activities to implement for Bat Week, both formal or informal, and how to teach others about bats

Who should take this webinar:

- Anyone interested in learning about bats, teaching about bats or hosting a virtual bat week event
- Regional and corporate-level managers who manage bat projects
- Agencies, NGOs and other partners interested in managing lands for bats or implementing bat education

Presenters:

- Mylea Bayless, Senior Director, Network & Partnerships, Bat Conservation International
- Patrice Klein, National Program Lead, Fish & Wildlife Health, US Forest Service
- Kimberly A. Winter, NatureWatch National Program Manager, USDA, US Forest Service

[Register now](#)

International Observe the Moon Night

International Observe the Moon Night is a time to come together with fellow Moon enthusiasts and curious people worldwide. Everyone on Earth is invited to learn about lunar science and exploration, take part in celestial observations, and honor cultural and personal connections to the Moon. Note that we encourage you to interpret “observe” broadly.

<https://moon.nasa.gov/observe-the-moon-night/about/overview/>

NASA NextGen STEM

Resources, tools, classroom challenges geared to help teachers integrate NASA tools to engage their students, K-12.

<https://www.nasa.gov/stem/nextgenstem/index.html>

Rural Activation and Innovation Network



RAIN STEM

Grants are available for up to \$5,000.

STEM Grants!

Grants do not cover salaries, utilities or administrative costs, and must be an “extra-curricular”, weekend or summer event and not during the regular school day.

***Attention Graham & Greenlee County Teachers
and Community STEM Educators:***

Do you have a GREAT idea for a sustainable STEM activity or event... but need help with funding? The Rural Activation and Innovation Network (RAIN) of Graham & Greenlee County can help!

Led by Arizona State University and Arizona Science Center, RAIN (Rural Activation and Innovation Network) is funded by the National Science Foundation to help rural communities in Arizona collaborate on developing locally relevant learning experiences in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). While there are many people in rural areas working on this issue, RAIN aims to bring individuals and organizations together into networks that can share resources and knowledge for learning and outreach.

For more information, Grant Application and Scoring Rubric go to: 4azrain.org

[Hover over “Rural Innovation Councils” and Click on “Graham/Greenlee Counties”](#)

Please forward your grant awards and we will publish them in this newsletter.

United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

Education Grant Opportunities

Educational grants are currently on hold. You can still prepare and be ready to go when they open back up!

Goal Statement:

The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.

Objectives:

Improving school readiness for every child

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

Increasing student access to quality transitional programs

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21st Century challenges.

Partnerships:

The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

Visit the United Way website at grahamgreenleeunited.org
Click on "Grant Application." For assistance with your grant, contact
Paulette LeBlanc—pleblanc@aznex.net

Editor-Grant writing tips and protocol: Please gather all of your data and make sure have refined the "ask." Clear, concise language matters, and by all means, don't wait until the last minute to start working on a grant! Especially if you ask others for help with editing, etc. You want it to shine and anything rushed just adds stress and allows for mistakes.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

FOR THE AMERICAN CIVICS EDUCATION PILOT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Application includes two separate Cohorts -

January 2021 (Cohort 1) or August 2021 (Cohort 2). Space is Limited!

Professional Development & Technical Support

Developed and administered
by the Arizona Foundation
for Legal Services &
Education.

Curriculum & Performance Based Assessment

The We the People Program:
The Citizen & the
Constitution is an evidence
based curriculum aligned to
Arizona's State Standards.

Continuing Teacher Education Credits

The Arizona Department of
Education will provide every
participating educator
continuing education credits
for participating in the pilot
program.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to make history in Arizona.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 10.19.20

To access the application and additional information, visit

azed.gov/civicengagement/civics-pilot-program.

Questions? For additional information, please contact:

Tammy.waller@azed.gov

Grant opportunities

Fiesta Bowl Charities Wishes for Teachers

Who: K-12 public and charter school teachers

Amount: \$2,500 each

Deadline: Oct 16, 2020

Since many teachers spend their own money to enhance their classroom experience, this program is to aid teachers in that effort. Wishes are selected by a random drawing to receive a grant.

<https://www.fiestabowl.org/news/2019/10/24/wishes-for-teachers.aspx>

KaBOOM! Let's Play Rigamajig Grants

Who: Schools, non-profits

Amount: Awards vary

Deadline: Rolling basis throughout year

To build playgrounds for children to help them to lead an active and healthy lifestyle. Supports community-inspired projects in all aspects of project planning and playground build execution. Provides a collection of wooden planks, wheels, pulleys, nuts, bolts, and rope designed to encourage children to follow their curiosity while playing.

https://kaboom.org/grants/creative_play

Shell Oil Company Educational Grants

Who: K-12 and college level public, private, charter schools

Amount: Awards vary Deadline: Accepted year-round

To increase interest in technical careers among students, and professional development in science and mathematics for educators. Designed to boost students' mathematics and science skills.

<http://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html#vanity-aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaGVsbC51cy9lbnZpcm9ubWV-udC1zb2NpZXR5L2dyYW50Lmh0bWw>

Corning Inc. Foundation Grants

Who: K-12 Districts and non-profit organizations supporting youth

Amount: Not specified

Open Feb 15, 2020 – Oct 15, 2020

For STEM and STEAM curricula as well as workforce development programs that lead to productive career paths for young adults. Includes exposing K-12 students to STEM-related experiences and hands-on activities. Encourages the integration of the arts into STEM curricula.

<http://www.corningfoundation.org/how-we-give/how-we-give-grants/>

Grant opportunities

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need.

DonorsChoose

Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank you from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to Donors Choose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to [DonorsChoose.org](https://www.donorschoose.org).

NEA Foundation—Student Achievement Grants

Amount: \$2,000—\$5,000

Who may apply: Public school preK-12 teachers

Deadline: Open

Description: For programs designed to improve the academic achievement of students, for a plan that fosters critical thinking and problem solving in students and aims to expand their comprehension of various subjects; may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation and technology.

Link: <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/student-achievement-grants/>

Education Theatre Foundation—Linda P. Wise Grant for Theatre Educators

Amount: \$2,500 and up

Who may apply: Teachers in school theatre programs

Deadline: Open

Description: To fund programs to enhance productions and technical theatre capacity for performances at a middle or high school.

Link: <https://www.schooltheatre.org/programs/ags/grants>

SC Johnson Grants

Who: Schools libraries, and non-profit groups

Amount: Open

Deadline: Rolling

Supports requests that are regional or national in scope. Grants in the areas of arts, culture, and humanities; community and economic development; education; health and wellness; social services; and environment and sustainability. Education Grants include support for programs that emphasize student academic achievement, with a focus on academic enrichment and advancement, early childhood, and kindergarten through grade 12 education; postsecondary institutions; and technical and vocational schools.

<https://www.scjohnson.com/en/our-purpose/social-responsibility-news/community-and-economic-development/sc-johnson-grants-and-product-donations-help-make-our-communities-better>

Grant opportunities

AZEdNews Classroom Grants for Arizona Teachers

Amount: \$200 each

Deadline: Awarded quarterly Sept., Dec., Feb., and April

To reward teachers for programs that enhance classroom learning. Describe how your initiative or program impacts student achievement and how it reflects the priorities of the governing board and district.

<https://azednews.com/apply-for-an-azednews-classroom-grant/>

Wish You Well Foundation Seize the Words

Who: K-12 public schools

Amount: \$200 - \$10,000

Deadline: Ongoing

Support for fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs, like adult literacy, workforce development, computer literacy, GED preparation, ESL skills, etc.

<https://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/>

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

DAR Special Projects Historic Preservation Grants

Who: K-12 Districts and non-profit organizations supporting historic preservation

Amount: Average \$1,000 - \$2,000 (max \$10,000)

Deadline: Annually by Dec. 31

To provide financial support to projects that promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Smaller grants are encouraged (flag poles, historic programs and markers, etc.)

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/dar-historic-preservation-grants>

Home Depot Community Impact Grants

Who: Non-profit organizations including schools

Amount: Up to \$5,000 (awarded in Home Depot gift cards)

Deadline: Annually by Dec. 31st

To support projects that use the power of volunteers to improve their communities (e.g., playgrounds, facilities improvements, gardens)

<https://www.thenorthface.com/about-us/outdoor-exploration/explore-fund.html>

Arizona Education Association Foundation—National Board Certification Scholarship

Who: K-12 teachers who are members of AEA

Amount: Up to \$400 per component

Deadline: Open

To offset National Board Certification fees for teaching professionals seeking this highest professional achievement in teaching.

http://www.arizonaaea.org/assets/document/AZ/nbc_scholarship.pdf

Grant opportunities

Bridgestone Americans Trust Fund—Education, Youth and Development Grants

Who: All schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open Deadline: Year round

Grants in the areas of education, child development and welfare, and the environment and conservation. Include expanding K-12 music education and promoting professional development for music teachers; hands-on botanical and art museum experiences for children who are underserved; and employment and leadership support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/corporate-social-responsibility/community>

Verizon Foundation Education Grants

Who: Public and charter PreK—12 schools, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open Deadline: Year round

Supports STEM education activities such as summer or after-school programs, teacher training, and research on improving learning in STEM areas through use of technology.

<https://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/grant-requirements>

Lockheed Martin Corporation—STEM Education Outreach

Who: Public and charter PreK-12 schools, colleges, non-profit organizations

Amount: Open Deadline: Year round

To support STEM education outreach activities for K-grade 16 students programs, events, and campaigns that focus on student achievement, teacher development, and gender and ethnic diversity.

<https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/who-we-are/communities/applying-for-contributions.html>

Saxena Foundation STEM Grants

Who: All K-12 schools, non-profits

Amount: \$5,000 and up Deadline: Awarded year-round

For initiatives that promote STEM education and the empowerment of girls, female children, and young women so that they have equal rights later in life. The foundation focuses on empowerment programs to include economic, educational, and political empowerment of women through literacy programs, jobs, and life-skills training. <http://saxenafoundation.com/guidelines/>

Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

Who: Public, private, charter and home schools for grades 6-8 students

Amount: \$5,000 top prize, \$500 up other prizes Deadline: Oct 31, 2020

Writing an essay of between 300 and 400 words on an annual patriotic theme and submitting it to a local participating VFW Post. The current theme is, "What Makes America Great." Must be original work, and may be checked by teacher, counselor or parent.

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

Grant opportunities

Target Corporate - Target Field Trip Grants

Who may apply: Education professionals in K-12 public, private, charter schools and non-profits

Amount: Awards vary

Deadline: Accepted year-round

To increase interest in technical careers among students, and professional development in science and mathematics for educators. Designed to boost students' mathematics and science skills. Also funds at vocational and technical schools where chemical and refinery operators and technicians are trained.

<http://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html#vanity-aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaGVsbC51cy9lbnZpcm9ubWVudC1zb2NpZXR5L2dyYW50Lmh0bWw>

AIAA Foundation Classroom Grant Program

Who: K-12 Classroom Teachers

Amount: Up to \$500 each

Deadline: Open Oct 1, 2020 – Jan 15, 2021

To support worthy projects that significantly influence student learning that inspires and advances the future of Aerospace

<https://www.aiaa.org/get-involved/students-educators/aiaa-foundation-classroom-grant-program>

Tuition Assistance for National Guard

Governor Ducey announced a **new tuition assistance program** for members of the U.S. National Guard. This funding will have the potential to help hundreds of eligible National Guard members achieve their postsecondary education goals.

Arizona Education Association Foundation Mary Kay Haviland Angel Fund Grant

Who: K-12 teachers who are members of AEA

Amount: Up to \$100, board reviewed for more than \$100

Deadline: Open

To provide direct assistance to students with educational or personal needs; to be used to purchase items that improve an individual student's personal well-being or academic performance (e.g., eyeglasses, jacket, school supplies, etc.)

<http://www.arizonaaea.org/assets/document/AZ/angelfund.pdf>

Wells Fargo Local Community Grants

Who: K-12 public schools

Amount: Open

Deadline: Open

For programs local programs in arts and culture, civic engagement, education, the environment, human services, and workforce development.

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/local/>

Grant opportunities

Amgen Foundation Education Grants

Who: K-12 public and private schools, higher education

Amount: Average of \$10,000

Deadline: Ongoing

Science Education funding for science literacy with priority consideration for teacher quality and professional development in math and science as well as support for programs that provide students and teachers with opportunities for hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiments.

<https://www.amgen.com/responsibility/grants-and-giving/amgen-foundation-grants/>

Michael and Susan Dell Foundation Urban Education Grants

Who: K-12 public and private schools

Amount: \$10,000 and up

Deadline: Ongoing

To close economic gap, improve student performance and increase graduation rates among affected students, funding is for performance-driven education, college preparation and completion, human capital (educator and school leader training), quality school options, and academic and after-school programs.

<https://www.msdf.org/apply/>

Walmart Local Community Grants

Who: K-12 public and non-profit private schools and non-profits

Amount: \$250 - \$5,000 each

Deadline: Dec. 31, 2020

To support projects that benefit students and community

<https://walmart.org/how-we-give/local-community-grants>

Kars4Kids Kars4Kids Small Grants

Who: K-12 schools and non-profit group

Amount: \$500-\$2,000 Deadline: Year-round

To support year-round educational and mentoring opportunities and help develop youth into productive and engaged members of society.

<https://www.kars4kidsgrants.org/>

Coca Cola Foundation Grants

Who: K-12 public schools, non-profit organizations, government agencies

Amount: Open Deadline: Open

For programs in empowering women; protecting the environment (access to clean water, water conservation and recycling) and enhancing communities (education, youth development and other community and civic initiatives)

<https://www.coca-colacompany.com/shared-future/communities/the-coca-cola-foundation>

Grant opportunities

Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation

Environmental Curricula Grants

Who: K-12 public schools, non-profit organizations, government agencies

Amount: Open Deadline: Open

To support educators in developing and implementing holistic environmental curricula that integrate field activities and classroom teaching and incorporate basic ecological principles and problem solving.

<http://www.mgaef.org/grants.htm>

Albertsons Companies Foundation

Youth and Education Grants

Who: K-12 public schools and non-profit organizations

Amount: Open Deadline: Open

To support projects that increase test scores, classroom performance and/or attendance.

<http://national.albertsonscorporation.com/get-funded/grant-application-process-national/>

Ford Motor Company Fund

Ford Next Generation Learning STEAM High School Community Challenge

Who: K-12 public schools

Amount: \$50,000 each Deadline: Open

To support student-led projects that use a STEAM approach to develop solutions to critical issues in their communities.

<https://www.fordfund.org/education/steam>

Good Sports - Sports Equipment Program

Who: Organizations and schools serving underprivileged youth 3-18 years in organized sports, fitness programs, and recreational activities

Amount: Up to \$6,000 of equipment

Deadline: Rolling deadlines

For sports equipment, apparel, and footwear for existing sports programs and activities. Must pay 10% shipping and handling costs

<https://www.goodsports.org/apply/>

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- 9 – 10 Years • 17 – 18 Years

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Learn More and How to Enter

Art.SpaceFoundation.org

ASU Modeling Instruction

Below is a weblink to another NEW article about **ASU Modeling Instruction** in physics and chemistry -- excellent. It's by ON Semiconductor in Phoenix. Last month, their foundation donated \$15,000 for partial tuition scholarships. We'll award those scholarships next summer, to needy teachers who don't qualify for the AZ Senate Bill SB1551 \$2000 scholarships.

<https://www.3blmedia.com/News/Semiconductor-Helps-Transform-Science-Education-Arizona>

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- ⇒ This month kicks off the #EatLocalGilaValley campaign in partnership with @Localfirstaz's @goodfoodaz and we're asking for your help to get out and support our community of farmers, ranchers, and food producers.
- ⇒ From our farms, straight to your table. Visit @Gilavalleyfarmersmarket to find us and other local purveyors. <https://www.goodfoodfinderaz.com/gilavalley>
- ⇒ Did you know that for every \$10 spent on local food, \$8-9 can be retained by the business? Join the #EatLocalGilaValley movement and help keep your dollars in the community! Shop the @Gilavalleyfarmersmarket Monday - Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM. Learn more about eating locally by visiting <https://www.goodfoodfinderaz.com/gilavalley>
- ⇒ Do you know where your food comes from? We've teamed up with @LocalfirstAZ's @goodfoodfinderaz to encourage the community to #EatLocalGilaValley. Support Gila Valley's local ranchers, farmers, and food producers by bringing home fresh, nutritious, locally food grown. Find us and other locals at the @Gilavalleyfarmersmarket Monday through Saturday. For more savory details on ways to eat local visit: <https://www.goodfoodfinderaz.com/gilavalley>

Where do you go to find good local food? Join us and "Eat Local Gila Valley!" Residents across Graham and Greenlee Counties have a new resource to discover all the amazing food produced within their community. By visiting Local First Arizona's Good Food Finder, starting September and through the holiday season, locals will get to learn about neighbors who are growing everything from apples to fresh beef and find ways to support them. More at www.goodfoodfinderaz.com/gilavalley

Visit the Community Bulletin Board on the Graham County Website

<https://www.graham.az.gov/632/Community-Bulletin-Board>

From the Graham County Sheriff's Office....Text a Tip

"The Text a Tip" program allows a citizen to anonymously submit a crime tip to law enforcement in Graham County. This service was started as a combined effort between the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and local law enforcement agencies. It is administered by the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Division.

How it works:

- ♦ A citizen can text GRAHAMTIP to 79516 and type the message they want to submit.
- ♦ The message is then sent to the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Center.
- ♦ The message is sent anonymously so the dispatcher has no way of knowing who sent it.
- ♦ There is no caller ID on your message.
- ♦ The dispatcher will review the tip information and pass it along to the appropriate agency.
- ♦ It can be used to report drugs, gangs, violence, threats, bullying, vandalism, abuse, illegal dumping, etc.

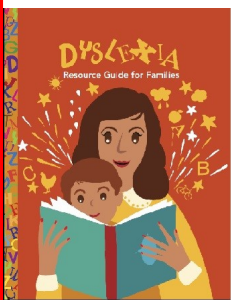
We still encourage those needing to report in-progress emergencies to call 9-1-1.

Further information about the program can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Scott Howell at 928-792-5404 or showell@graham.az.gov.

From the Graham County Health Department

This information is helpful when facing illness at home. This will be posted on the ADHS site under guidance for schools.

[Isolations V. Quarantine Guidance for Families](#)



Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families Now Available!

Download and share the Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families, a new, parent-friendly resource for families with children 0-12 who want to learn more about dyslexia, what dyslexia might look like in their child and what they can do to support their child if they have dyslexia. [Download the free pdf here.](#) Read On Arizona extends our sincere appreciation to The Burton Family Foundation for its generous support of the printing and outreach of the *Dyslexia Resource Guide for Families*.

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Help a Foster Child

Did you know that a child enters foster care every two minutes in the U.S.?

Did you know that more than 14,000 children live in the Arizona state foster care system?

Did you know that every year more than 800 children "age out" of the system when they turn 18 without finding a forever family?

Young people who age out of the foster care system have a higher chance of experiencing unemployment, homelessness and incarceration as adults.

- 1 out of 5 become homeless
- 1 out of 4 become incarcerated
- 33 percent graduate from high school and only 3 percent will ever go to college.

It is easier than ever to help a foster child. Several SECC charities qualify for the AZ Foster Care tax credit program! For information or to make your pledge [click here](#).

(Statistics provided by the DCS Quarterly Benchmark Progress Report, and from Hope & a Future.)

Did you know 
your SECC contribution
can cost you **NOTHING?**

There are 13 SECC charities that ALSO qualify for the **AZ FOSTER CARE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**. We've listed them here for your reference.

(Talk to your tax advisor about claiming donations - \$500 filing single, \$1,000 filing jointly - to these organizations as a tax credit.)

SECC CHARITIES THAT QUALIFY FOR THE AZ FOSTER CARE TAX CREDIT:

- Aid to Adoption of Special Kids
- Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation
- Arizona Helping Hands • ASA Now • Aviva Children's Services
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Foster Children
- Catholic Charities Community Services, Inc.
- Child Crisis Arizona • Christian Family Care
- Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona
- GAP Ministries • More Than A Bed • Streetlight USA